

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for providing Web services comprising the steps of:

- registering a Web service with a service registry;
- conveying the Web service to a service provider;
- installing the Web service within a service environment;
- receiving a request for the Web service from a service user, wherein the user has selected the Web service from the service registry, wherein said request is received within an application server disposed within an application environment, and wherein said application environment is disposed within a different network space than said service environment;
- executing a servlet within the application environment to establish a communication pathway between the application server and a gateway;
- conveying service-initiating information to the gateway, the service-initiating information specifying the requested Web service;
- accessing said requested Web service across the gateway; and
- transporting service data for said Web service from the application server disposed in said application environment to the service user.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said application environment is an open Internet environment, and wherein said service environment is at least one of a trusted network environment and a secure network environment.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said accessing step further comprises the steps of:

initiating a component within said gateway that is specific to said Web service;
and,

initiating a component within said gateway that is applicable to multiple Web services.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, said accessing step further comprises the step of:

conveying information between the gateway and the application environment using a Common Request Broker Architecture.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

responsive to receiving the request for the Web service, executing at least one Java servlet within said application environment that initiates said accessing step.

7-25. (Cancelled).